THE CITY OF BOMBAY PRIMARY EDUCATION ACT, 1920 (BOM. XV OF 1920).

G. N., E. D., No. 236-A, dated 28th September 1923 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 2258). S. 15

Modified by G. N., E. D., No. 2249, dated 28th November 1938.

In exercise of the power vested in them by section 15 of the City of Bombay Primary Education Act, XV of 1920, Government are pleased to exempt the European and Anglo-Indian communities and, for the present, girls of the Mahomedan community from the operation of the aforesaid Act.

G. N., E. D., No. 2249, dated 30th May 1929 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 1259). S. 15

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the City of Bombay Primary Education Act, 1920 (Bom. XV of 1920), and in modification of Government Notification in the Educational Department, No. 236-A, dated the 28th September 1923, so far as it relates to the exemption of girls of the Muhammadan community from the operation of the said Act, the Government of Bombay are pleased to direct that, with effect from the 1st August 1929, the exemption shall apply to girls of the Muhammadan community between the ages of 10 and 11 years.

G. N., G. D., No. 2249, dated 28th November 1938 (B. G., Pt. I-A, p. 405). S. 15

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the City of Bombay Primary Education Act, 1920 (Bom. XV of 1920), and in modification of Government Notifiactions in the Educational Department, No. 236-A, dated the 28th September 1923 and No. 2249, dated the 30th May 1929, so far as they relate to the exemption of girls of the Muhammadan community from the operation of the said Act, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that the exemption hitherto granted to girls of the Muhammadan community between the ages of ten and eleven years shall be withdrawn.

G. N., E. D., No. 236, dated 28th September 1923 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 2254). S. 18

Amended by G. N., E. D., No. 236, dated 27th December 1927.

Amended by G. N., E. D., No. 236, dated 29th January 1931.

Amended by G. N., E. D., No. 7682, dated 21st February 1944.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the City of Bombay Primary Education Act, XV of 1920, Government are pleased to prescribe the following rules for the purposes of the aforesaid Act.

Rules.

1. For the purpose of these rules, Primary Education means education given through any recognised vernacular in the Infant Classes and Standards I to IV inclusive as prescribed in the standards of instruction sanctioned by the Schools' Committee and approved by the State Government.

English shall be accepted as the vernacular of such Indian Christians as speak no recognised Indian vernacular of the State and claim that English is their mother-tongue.

2. The educational authority by whom the duties imposed by sub-sections (1) and (6), respectively, of section 2 of the Act shall be performed shall be the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay State and the Educational Inspector, Bombay Division.

3. The application for permission to issue a notification under section 3 of the Act shall ordinarily be made at least three months before the date on which the notification is to be issued and at least six months before the date from which primary education is to be made compulsory. The application shall state whether the issue of a notification has been determined by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Municipality specially called in this behalf and supported by at least two-thirds of the Councillors present at the meeting and by at least one-half of the whole number of the Councillors and also specify whether primary education is proposed to be made compulsory in the case of boys only or of girls only or of both boys and girls. It shall be addressed to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, by the Corporation, a copy thereof being simultaneously furnished to the Educational Inspector, Bombay Division, and the Director of Public Instruction, and shall be accompanied by (*i*) a copy of the proposed notification, (*ii*) a statement in the annexed form "A" showing the existing provision for primary education in the Municipal district and the additional provision proposed to be made under section 4 of the Act and (*iii*) a statement showing the number of children likely to be excluded by the one mile rule [section 8 (*c*) of the Act].

4. Adequate provision for free and compulsory education under section 4 of the Act shall comprise—

(*i*) suitable provision not only for all children of either sex who on the date of the issue of a notification under the Act are liable under such notification, but also for all children of either sex who shall become liable thereafter under the aforesaid notification.

(*ii*) Teaching through and in Marathi, Gujarati, or Urdu according to the needs of the locality concerned. Where, however, there is a demand for education through any other vernacular, suitable arrangements shall be made for teaching through and in it, provided that the average attendance at any school opened for this purpose shall not fall short of 25.

(*iii*) The provision of suitable accommodation for pupils at the rate of not less than 8 square feet per child on the rolls of each school.

(*iv*) The provision of requisite sanitary appliances and more particularly, of an adequate number of latrines and urinals.

(*v*) The supply of the necessary articles of school furniture, *e.g.*, a chair, a table, blackboard and mats or benches for the children to sit on in each class room, and of the necessary text-books, maps, charts and scientific and otherapparatus.

(*vi*) The provision, so far as local conditions permit, of an adequate play-ground for each school, or (where this is not possible) of common play-grounds for approved groups of schools.

(*vii*) The employment of qualified* or trained teachers only at the rate of one for every 40 pupils on the rolls of each school ; in schools in which the average attendance exceeds 200 the head-masters shall be employed in addition to the ordinary staff of class teachers ; unqualified teachers shall not be employed unless qualified teachers are not available.

(*viii*) The payment of trained and untrained teachers according to the rates laid down by the Corporation with the approval and sanction of the State Government.

(*ix*) The appointment of paid officers, hereinafter called the " Special Attendance Officers ", whose duty it shall be to act under the orders of the Schools Committee in any matter falling wihin the business of the Committee, e.g., to organise a census of school children liable under the notification issued under the Act for compulsory primary education and to prepare and publish on behalf of the Schools Committee a register of such children in the form hereinafter prescribed, maintain it in good order, revise it every year and supply copies of it to the officers and institutions concerned, to see that parents of such children do not fail to cause them to attend a recongnised primary school in the locality, to note parents failing to do so and their reasons therefor (to be ascertained after careful personal enquiries) and to report to the Schools Committee from week to week all such cases of default ; and, on authorisation by the Schools Committee, to make complaints to a Magistrate on its behalf against defaulting parents and employers of children of compulsory age under sections 10 and 11 of the Act.

(*x*) The appointment of one or more Superintendents (who should act under the orders of the Schools Committee) for the efficient supervision and control of Municipal and other recognised primary schools.

5. The Bombay Municipality before applying the provisions of this Act to the Municipal District or to any part thereof, shall take a census of children ordinarily residing in the District or in the part in question in order to ascertain the number of those who will be of compulsory school age on the date from which compulsory education is to be enforced and shall prepare and publish for general information in the annexed form " B " a register in the local vernacular of such children (boys and girls being grouped separately if compulsion is proposed to be applied to both boys and girls simultaneously) two month before that date, supplying at the same time a copy thereof to the Educational Inspector, Bombay Division, and the Deputy Educational Inspector, Bombay, as well as to the Head mistress of each recognised primary school in the locality. A complete register of all children of compulsory school-going age, attending as well as non-attending, shall be maintained in the office of the Special Attendance Officer of the Schools Committee. Registers of non-attending children of compulsory school-going age only shall be printed and published in the month of November of each succeeding year. Copies of the registers of non-attending children of school-going age shall be supplied to the officers and institutions concerned. Copies of the registers shall also be exhibited for public use at a fixed place in the Municipal Office during office hours on working days. No change shall be made in them except on the authority and under the initials of such person as may be authorised by the

* A qualified male teacher is one who has passed the Vernacular Final Examination or who holds a Public Service Certificate. A qualified female teacher is one who has passed at least the vernacular 5th standard.

Schools Committee in this behalf. The registers of attending as well as non-attending children shall be open to inspection by the Educational Inspector, Bombay Division, who shall have the right to scrutinise them and make such inquiries into their reliability as he may from time to time consider necessary or expedient.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (*ix*) of rule 4 or rule 5, the State Government may, in any particular year when it considers it necessary and expedient to do so, permit the Corporation to dispense with the taking of a census of school children liable under the notification issued under the Act for compulsory primary education, and with the printing and publishing of registers of non-attending children of school-going age.

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Statement showing the present and Proposed provision for Primary Education in the Municipal Area.

Name of Ward or section of the Bombay Municipality.	Area in square.	Population excluding Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Total number of existing Municipal and recognised Schools (Aided or Unaided) for Primary Education in the locality at the end of the previous official year.			
1	2	3	4			
				For Boys.	For Girls.	Total.
		Male ..	Municipal Schools ..			
		Female ..	Recognised Schools (Aided or Unaided).			
		Total ..				

Total number of pupils attending Schools indicated under column 4.				Average area of floor space per pupil provided in Schools under column 4 (*i.e.* in the class rooms excluding verandahs)
5				6
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Sq. ft.
Attending Municipal Schools ..				Schools ..
Attending recognised Schools ..				In recognised Schools ..

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	Total number of Trained, Untrained and Unqualified Teachers in Schools under column 4 and the average number of pupils per teacher. 7				Total direct expenditure of schools under column 4 in the previous official year. 8
	Trained.	Untrained.	Unqualified.	Total.	Average number of pupils per teacher.	
In Municipal Marathi and Gujarathi Schools.						Rs Of Municipal schools. Salaries of staff. Pension Contributions. House-rent .. Grants-in-aid to recognised Schools. Miscellaneous including Contingencies and furniture, etc. Total ..
In Municipal Urdu Schools.						
In other Municipal Schools.						
In recognised Marathi, Gujarathi Schools.						
In recognised Urdu Schools.						
In recognised School of other kinds.						Of other recognised Schools. Total ..

Government grant to the Municipality and to other recognised Schools in the locality in the previous official year. 9	Approximate total number of children liable for compulsory Primary Education in the Municipal area. 10			Approximate number of children liable for Compulsory Primary Education already at School. 11			Additional number of children to be provided for under the Compulsory Education Scheme. 12		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Rs. To the Municipality.									
To other recognised Schools.									

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Number of additional children which the existing Municipal and recognised Schools are expected to absorb. 13	Number of additional Municipal Schools teaching up to Standard IV at least proposed to be opened. 14	Arrangements proposed to be made for the accommodation of the additional Municipal Schools required. 15	Arrangements available to teach pupil in Municipal and other Schools (taken as a whole) under the proposed Scheme. 16
Expected to be absorbed by Municipal Schools.	Boys Schools ..		
Expected to be absorbed by recognised Schools.	Girls Schools ..		
	Total ..		

Arrangements proposed to be employed in Municipal Schools. 17			Estimated increase in expenditure under the proposed Scheme with full details of recurring and non-recurring items. 18	
	Number.	Fixed grades of salaries for Municipal School teachers.		Rs.
Trained ..			*Recurring.*	
Untrained but qualified at Rs. per mensem.			Salary of Staff including that of supervision and of Special Attendance Officers ..	
Unqualified (for Urdu Schools only)			Pension Contribution	
			House-rent	
			Contingencies and Miscellaneous	
			Remission of Fees	
			Grant-in-aid to recognised Schools for Primary Education	
			Total ..	
			Non recurring.	
			Buildings	
			Furniture and Equipment	

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Register of school children of compulsory school age in the *Municipality.*

Serial No. 1	Name of municipal ward. 2	Name of child and child's father with surname, if any (surname coming last). 3	Caste and race. 4	Date of birth. 5	Date of attainment of the compulsory age (6 years) 6

Date of completion of the compulsory age (11 years) 7	Name and address of the parent or the guardian or other person who has the actual custody of the child. 8		Remarks.* 9
	Name	Address.	

* The school within easy reach of the child to which he or she may be sent should be here indicated; or if a child is exempted under section 8 a remark to that effect should be entered. A child who has passed vernacular standard IV will be considered to have completed his primary education for the purposes of exemption under section 8.